

Dates for your Diary: Monday 1st – Sunday 7th April 2024

Wed, 3 Apr	Parish Youth Choir practice, 6pm – 8pm, Church
Thu, 4 Apr	Samoan Community, 6pm – 8pm, Meeting Room 1
Thu, 4Apr	Tongan Community, 7pm – 9pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sat, 6 Apr	Legion of Mary meeting, 9.45am – 11.30am, Whare Iti
Sat, 6 Apr	** Church Cleaning, 9.30am – 12.00pm: Friends of the Parish **
Sat, 6 Apr	** Church Flowers, 9.30am – 12.00pm: Tongan Community **
Sat, 6 Apr	Samoan Community Choir, 3pm – 5pm, Meeting Room 1
Sat, 6 Apr	Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3pm – 5pm, Te Whau Iti
Sat, 6 Apr	Tongan Community Choir, 5pm – 7pm, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 7 Apr	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Fr McGrath Room
Sun, 7 Apr	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Meeting Room 1
Sun, 7 Apr	Samoan Sunday School, 8.30am – 10.30am, Whare Iti (M Tapusoa)
Sun, 7 Apr	Tongan Community monthly meeting, 12pm – 2pm, Fr McGrath Room

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Sunday:
8.30am / 10.30am / 6.00pm

Monday:
No 9.00am Mass and no Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday – Saturday:
Mass: 9.00am
Daily Rosary:
Tue – Sat, 8.20am | Sun, 7.45am

Friday Adoration (after 9.00am Mass):
9.30am – 10.30am

RECONCILIATION:
Saturday after 9am Mass
(other times by appointment)



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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Vision / Tirohanga

Growing in Faith Together / Oranga i roto i te Whakapono

Goal / Whaingā

*To Grow in Awareness as One Parish Family / Kokiritia te Oranga
Kotahitanga o te Whanau Whakapono*

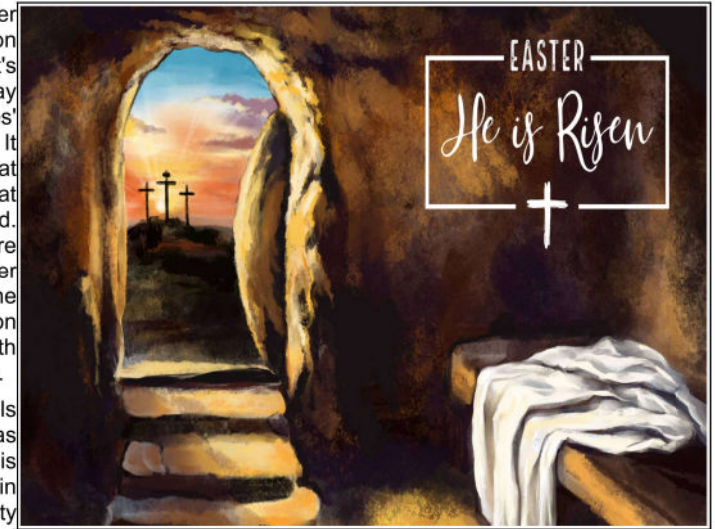
EASTER SUNDAY ~ Resurrection of the Lord's Passion ~ 24th March 2024

Readings: Acts 10: 34, 37-43 | Ps 118 | Colossians 3: 1-4 | John 20: 1-9

Gospel Reflection

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and His Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

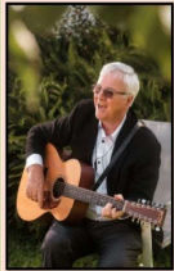


Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes Him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through His appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in His appearances and in His gift of the Holy Spirit.

Excerpt from www.loyolapress.com – Sunday Connection – Easter Sunday (Year B) 31 March 2024

An Afternoon Concert with Chris Skinner sm



Chris is happy to provide a concert for us at Mary MacKillop Centre once again. He will sing many of his well-loved songs for our enjoyment. Come along for a feast of uplifting musical entertainment. You won't be disappointed!

Date: Sunday 7 April @2pm
Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre Chapel
56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay.
Suggested Koha: \$10

Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

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To Our Volunteers Church Cleaning Roster

Sat 6 Apr 2024

Friends of the Parish

Sat 13 Apr 2024

Tongan Community

Flower Arrangement Roster

Sat 6 Apr 2024

Tongan Community

Sat 13 Apr 2024

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Mass Offering Account Number: 02-0108-0706996-001
SMACC Building Fund Account Number: 02-0108-0706996-004



A huge THANK YOU to all our beautiful communities who have enriched our liturgies over this sacred week with all your singing and praying, processing and contributing in so many varied ways to make our celebrations so special... Our Choirs, Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Collectors, Ushers, Cleaners, Sacristans, Flower Arrangers and our School!

Everyone who helped in any way... Thank you, Thank you!

May the Risen Christ truly easter in your hearts and in your lives!

Love and Prayers,
Pa & Gwendoline

~ News and Updates from the Parish and Diocese ~

Easter Week MASS SCHEDULE 2024

Monday 1st April:
No 9am Mass or Liturgy

Tuesday 2nd April:
No 9am Mass or Liturgy

Wednesday 3rd April:
9am Liturgy of the Word only

Thursday 4th April:
9am Liturgy of the Word only

Friday 5th April:
9am Mass (as usual)

Saturday 6th April:
9am Mass

Divine Mercy Feast Day: In celebration of the Divine Mercy Feast Day on Sunday 7th April 2024, the Divine Mercy Prayer Group kindly invite you all for a shared light morning tea after the 8.30am Mass.

St. Mary's School Newsletter: Check out the latest news from our wonderful School with this link: <https://www.stmarysavondale.school.nz/newsletters>

Divine Mercy Feast Day at St Benedict's Parish, 1 St. Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace, Sunday 7th April 2024 at 5.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of images, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. Bring your Divine Mercy images and artefacts to be blessed. **Free parking at Wilson Parking and street parking is also free on Sunday.**

Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life looks deeply at the 'ache' of human longing and opens the eyes of our hearts to the hope of infinite bliss in

Christ. Dates: Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April, 8am – 6pm, Mission Bay, Auckland. All adults aged 20+ are welcome. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://www.theologyofthebody.nz>

Concert with Fr. Chris Skinner SM: Mary MacKillop Chapel on Sunday 7 April 2024 at 2.00pm. Suggested Koha \$10.00

Join Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College for its new webinar series, A Taste of Theology from April – December 2024 every first Tuesday of the month. These are one-hour sessions with topics on Philosophy, Canon Law, Spirituality, Scripture, Moral Theology, etc... Four sessions revisit the documents of Vatican II. Cost of \$60 one-off. For more information and to register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology

Towards October 2024: Local Churches are invited to contribute to the Synod on Synodality by deepening aspects of the Synthesis Report. These contributions are guided by the question: "HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?" The diocese is offering sessions in the ten days post Easter for the Church of Auckland to participate in this phase of the consultation. For more details and to register (which is required) <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/towards-october-2024/>

~ Special Announcements ~

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those who celebrated Birthdays recently, especially:

Foheloa Funaki | Graeme Parr
Donnell McClutchie | Lisa Jessop

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for the loved ones of those who have died recently, especially:

Elaine Ngakuru

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for our dearly departed, whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:

Peggy O'Keefe



SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is making a safe space for all our people



SAFE CHURCH – SAFE GUARDING

As Catholics we believe that every person is created in the likeness and image of God. Therefore, we continue to ensure that our parish is a place where everyone is treated with respect and dignity. We foster an environment which is welcoming, and in which all our parish whanau, including our tamariki, rangatahi, kuia and kaumatua, feel safe. If you have any complaints or concerns, our Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Tania Starr and you can contact her via email: safeguardingrep@avondalecatholic.org.nz. You may also contact the National Office for Professional Standards 0800 114 662. You may also contact the Police 111.

Approved Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course

Are you getting married?

Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation course here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/>

Please book 1 year (if getting married in NZ) or 18 months (if getting married overseas) in advance of your wedding date. The 3-part course takes about 30 hours to complete. This is usually spread over 3 months. For more information email: marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz or call Gerry on 021 02247442.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday) 7th April 2024

Readings: Acts 4: 32-35 | Ps 118 | 1 John 5: 1-6 | John 20: 19-31

	Sunday, 8.30am	Sunday, 10.30am	Sunday, 6.00pm
Commentator	Kalolaine Funaki	Amanda Bucumi	Mike Vinkenvleugel
Word	1 st : Rachel Suesue 2 nd : Ronald D'Silva	1 st : Loutoa Tu'ima 2 nd : Apiljoy Avito	1 st : Leena Rebello 2 nd : Lauretta Silver
Holy Communion	Liston Colaco Tevita Funaki Autu Isaia Jacinta James Colleen Lewis	'Otolata Tu'ima Leotisia Tu'ima Kefilini Tu'ima Fololina A'Costa Ausage Lata	Mariquinha Colaco
Choir/Musicians	Congregation / Choir (Joe James)	Tongan Community Choir	Congregation / Choir (Jeffery Nathan)

Note: If you are unable to read/serve on the date that you are rostered, please contact the Parish Office via email: office@avondalecatholic.org.nz